

**FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD**

MINUTES

JULY 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order by David Waskowicz, Chairperson, on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 10:02 a.m. at 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT, 06103, Hearing Room J.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyman,
Chairperson
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyman
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Members Absent: Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor
Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal
Keith Flood – Local Fire Marshal

Board Vacancies: Public member

DCP Board Staff: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, License and Application Analyst

Others Present: Pamela Brown, Director, Investigations Division
Janita Hamel, Supervisor, Investigations Division
John Abbate, Jr., NFSA
Michael Young, NFSA

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135 or Fax: (860) 706-1255.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the May 17, 2018 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve as written.

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA:

The Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda for the appearance of Pamela Brown and Janita Hamel, Investigations Division.

APPEARANCE BY PAMELA BROWN AND JANITA HAMEL, INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION:

1. Janita Hamel distributed the Quarter 2, 2018 complaint report and provided an overview of the cases included.
2. Pamela Brown provided the following updates:
 - The Investigations Division staff has met and reviewed the November 16, 2016 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and the staff now has a full understanding of related fines and procedures outlined in the MOU.
 - The newly formed Occupation Enforcement Group, consisting of enforcement team, legal division, and Richard M. Hurlburt has had their first meeting. The function of this group will be to review and discuss enforcement cases going forward.
 - Pamela has been working with DCP's IT team to improve the procedure for filing anonymous complaints. In addition, she will be working towards improving the complaint report to be more user-friendly.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

John Abbate, Jr. brought forth his concerns regarding a product he would like to use, Series IBR, In-Building Risers Customizable, by manufacturer Ames Fire & Waterworks. John is seeking approval from the MDC for use of this product, and the MDC will not approve.

The Board suggested that the issue may be due to outdated MDC regulations, and that an option may be to for Ames to contact a board member and/or attend a board meeting and request that regulation be updated on that particular type of product.

APPLICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Multipurpose Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems

An update on status of proposed regulations and curriculum for F5/F6 license categories was provided as follows:

- The proposed regulations are pending review by the Office of Policy and Management at this time.
- The curriculum should be available for the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board to review at the September 20, 2018 meeting.

2. Pass/fail rates for F-2 exams

The Board reviewed a report including the pass/fail rate for F-2 exams from 05/01/17 to 4/30/18.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Application report

The Board reviewed a report including applications approved from 5/05/18 to present.

2. DCP application process

The Board reviewed the standard documentation used by the Department to correspond with applicants regarding incomplete or denied applications.

3. DCP Self-Serve Walk-in Center Information on the closure at 450 Columbus Boulevard.

Board so noted.

4. Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety – Rating the States 2018 regarding continuing education recommendation for all occupational license types.

Board so noted.

5. Article from www.hartfordbusiness.com dated June 4, 2018, “CT’s Proposed Townhome-Sprinkler Rule Nixed”

Board so noted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. David Waskowicz reported on email correspondence between himself, DCP Commissioner Michelle Seagull, and other occupational licensing board chairpersons regarding recent concerns by the boards on the topic of the Memorandum of Understanding signed on November 16, 2016. The Commissioner has offered to schedule a meeting with all the boards collectively to discuss the matter further.

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. The Board reviewed the Quarter 2, 2018 complaint report.

(See Page 2, Appearance by Pamela Brown and Janita Hamel, Investigations Division)

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
License & Application Analyst

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- September 20
- November 15

All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at 10:00 a.m.